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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING TYRES, TYRES THUS OBTAINED  
AND ELASTOMERIC COMPOSITIONS USED THEREIN** - being a  
Continuation of PCT No. **PCT/EP00/07106**, filed on July 25, 2000  
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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. **PCT/EP00/07106**, filed on July 25, 2000, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 99116676.0, filed on August 26, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/151,358, filed on August 30, 1999.

1. Application - 47 pages, including 4 independent claims and 70 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Abstract of the Disclosure.
4. Drawing - 1 sheet of drawing containing 1 figure.
5. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 01/14470 A1.

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6. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 99116676.0, filed on August 26, 1999.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
8. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	70	-	20	50	x \$18	\$ 900.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$84	\$ 84.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 99116676.0, filed on August 26, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/151,358, filed on August 30, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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